

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An imaging method includes the steps of (a) determining whether an object on which an image is to be formed is an information display medium on which a
5 code is formed with an imaging material formed of a near infrared absorbing pigment, and (b) forming the image on the object by a printer engine with an imaging material formed of a pigment absorbing no or little light in a near infrared spectral region if
10 the step (a) determines that the object is the information display medium.